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SUBJECT: UK ASSISTANCE TO VOLAGS

1. ON MAY 8 MINISTER OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT JUDITH HART, WILL LAUNCH A "JOINT FUNDING OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS" SCHEME. UNDER THIS PROPOSAL WHICH REFLECTS A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF LONG HELD HMG POLICY, THE ODM WILL JOINTLY FUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON A POUND-BY-POUND BASIS WITH BRITISH PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR FY 1975/76 FOR THE SCHEME. DISBURSEMENTS WILL BE MADE ON A GRANT BASIS, PRIMARILY FOR SMALL-SCALE, GRASS-ROOTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE THIRD WORLD. THE FUNDS WILL BE ENTIRELY MANAGED BY THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. ODM WILL, HOWEVER, STUDY THE PROJECTS BEFORE INITIAL APPROVAL AND SOME FORM OF LIMITED FOLLOW-UP EVALUATION OF THE COMPLETED PROJECTS IS ANTICIPATED. REGISTRATION WITH THE UK CHARITY COMMISSION WILL BE THE ONLY PREREQUISITE

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FOR PARTICIPATING VOLAGS.

2. ARTHUR TURNER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, HEAD OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, ODM, STATES THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE PROGRAM. HE ADDS THAT THE INITIAL FUNDING FOR FY 1975/76 IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE AND THAT THE MINISTER HAS COMMITTED HERSELF TO PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS IF NECESSARY. DECLASSIFY MAY 9, 1975.

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